Workforce in SAIL

1274. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA-. Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of workforce in SAIL is surplus;

(b) if so, what percentage of the, existing workforce with the integrated steel, plants in the country (plant-wise) : is surplus and what is the estimated annual expenditure being incurred on the surplus workforce;

(c) what is the yardstick to determine the workforce requied in the steel plants and whether Government have made any review to know how the workforce in the steel plants was recruited during the past three " years making it surplus against the requirement, it what is the result thereof; and

(d) the manner in w:hich the surplus workforce proposed to be- deployed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTE-DAR): (a) There is some surplus workforce in SAIL.

(b) In-house studies by the Industrial Engineering Department indicate, a rough estimate of the present surplus workfon and expenditure on it during 1987-88 as:—

	Percentage surplus' workforce	Expen-of diture in 198.7-S8
(Rs. in		crores)
Bhilai Steel Plant	4	10.11
Durgapur Steel Plant	5	6^54
Rourkela-Steel Plant	2 -	2.55
Bokaro Steel Plant	3 ~	9.96
nsco 8		8.18

(c) ' A preliminary assessment has been done of the worksfcrce required in Steel plants through in-house Industrial Engineering Department's studies. This has been don* with reference to existing assets, but has assumed somej improvement in work practices. Government have , taken up the question of levels of manning in the steel plants and SAIL have, attempted to regulate recruitment in the past three years. During this period the surpluses have in fact been reduced.)

(d) After accounting for recruitments^ the surplus- manpower will b_c retrained and redeployed to new areas of work to meet the requirements of improved technological practices.

Editing of Interviews

1275. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in . Indian Express of 10th June, 1988 to the effect that Lt. General M. Mayadas protested the way in which his views have been presented on the first part of Door-darshan's two-part programme,' on Bofors gun stating that the editing of his 32 minutes interview to 4 minutes was done in such a way that his views on how the four guns compared were distored, if so what are the reasons therefore; and

(b) whether Doordarshan would be asked to show the eidited version to trc person whose views were to be telecast for his approval?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. In a two-part Aajkal' pro gramme on the Bofors Gun Issue produ ced by M/s. Communications Grou p.
Dejhi, interviews of several persons was recorded. One of the persons interview ed was Lt. Gen. Mayadas. Keeping in view the main thrust of the programme, i.e. selection of the gun, about 4 mi nutes' statement of Gen. Mayadas was used in th_e programme. It was made amply clear by the producers of the pro gramme before and after the recording that only 4-5 minutes of his statements

would be used in the programme. In this programme interviews, of six other persons were recorded for longer duraton but much lesser footage was t However particular care is taken ,that while editing the programmes statements made by the interviewee are not distorted and the gist of what the interviewee intended to say is faithfully conveyed. Regarding. General Mayadas's views on the; choice of the gun which was the main thrust of the first part of the programme his views were fully telecast.

(b) No, Sir, It is not the general practice followed by Doordarshan.

Production of Vanaspati

1276. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will Ihe, Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of Vanaspati is on a declining trend;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor: and

(c) what corrective action is beitakep in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BALTHA): (a) There was a decline in the production of vanaspati during the months of April May. _ However, the production has gone up in the month of June as shown below:

. *Month,* 1988,	*Production* (in tonnes)
February	81,554
March	80,654
April	73,69
May	75,210
June •	82,005

(b) and (c) One of the main reasons for the decline in production is the shortage of tinplates for packing of vanaspati. As a remedial measure, permission is being regularly grantejd for the use of non-ISI (thoroughly cleaned second band tin containers for packing, of vana-; The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has also been asked, to ensure expeditions clearance of pending applications for the manufacture of pouches for packing oi vanaspati.

1277. [Tranferred to the 9th August, 1988.]

Introduction of mid-day programme,

1278. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Wil[the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to

(a) whether Government propose to introduce one hour mid-day programme on Doordarshan for housewives and retiied persons; and

.(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has beem decided to commence afternoon transmission, from 1345 his. to 1445 hrs. on Mondays to Fridays. The programmes to be included in this transmission will be e mix of entertainment, utility and infcff'mative etc.

Setting up of district Centres to implement scheme for Handicapped

1279. SHRl RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Wii'l the Minister of WELFARE be pleased ' to state:

(a} whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up district Rehabili-ta^pn Centre to implement scheme to provide comprehensive and coordinated services to Handicapped persons living in rural areas; and

(b) if so how many centres have been set up ,so far State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The District Rehabilitation Centre Scheme has